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Construction Photo - Battle Creek Salmon and Steelhead Restoration Project

The Battle Creek Salmon and Steelhead Restoration Project is being implemented near the town of Manton, California in Shasta and Tehama Counties. Upon its completion, the Restoration Project will reestablish approximately 42 miles of prime salmon and steelhead habitat on Battle Creek, plus an additional 6 miles on its tributaries. The species include the Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon (state- and federally listed as threatened), the Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon (state- and federally listed as endangered), and the Central Valley steelhead (federally listed as threatened).

In the photo, the contractor is installing a temporary cofferdam, using specially designed, impenetrable, gravel-filled sacks and membrane at Baldwin Creek to divert water around the construction site of a new fish barrier. The new fish barrier will help to increase instream flow and provide about a mile of habitat for anadromous fish in Baldwin Creek, a tributary to Battle Creek, while protecting the upstream Darrah Springs State Trout Hatchery from potential transmission of pathogens from infected anadromous fish.

For more information on the Battle Creek project: http://www.usbr.gov/mp/battlecreek/about.html http://www.usbr.gov/mp/battlecreek/status.html